

WAR MANY YEARS

THIS IS WHAT COUNT OKUMA SAYS IN AN ADDRESS.

WARNS THE PEOPLE TO PREPARE

Tells the Japanese that They Must Sacrifice Many Things to Attain Success—Charges Corruption in Military and Other Departments.

TOKIO—In addressing the members of the united clearing houses of Tokio Thursday Count Okuma, the leader of the progressive party, warned the people to prepare for a long war, the date of the determination of which it was now impossible to foretell. He predicted that the cost to Japan for a two years' war, including the loans which had already been placed and the expenses consequent upon the war at its termination, would total \$1,000,000,000, which would make the per capita share amount to \$20. Count Okuma said that corruption appeared to pervade the military, political and financial departments of the Russian government and that this corruption had also reached a climax which threatened a revolution. It was even reported that Lieutenant General Stoessel, now defending Port Arthur and upon whose shoulders rested the responsibility for the loss of a large share of Russian prestige in East Asia, was guilty of dissipation during the siege.

The speaker declared that the weakness of the Russians gave the Japanese many victories. He pointed out that despite her defeats Russia continued to hold the prominent and commanding position in Europe and said that even Emperor William was "courting the favor of the Russian autocrat."

Despite her weakness Count Okuma said Russia possessed immense resources and had tremendous advantages in the size of her population and the greatness of her wealth, and it would be necessary for the Japanese to make heavy sacrifices in order to attain success. He predicted that the war would cost Russia from \$1,500,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000 and said it would be impossible to raise loans or to increase the taxes in Russia because the limit had been reached.

The count predicted that it would be necessary for the Japanese government to borrow \$250,000,000 next year, and added that if \$750,000,000 were secured abroad the country must face a depreciation in the value of its securities.

Count Okuma urged the nation to carefully husband its strength and resources and expressed the fullest confidence in the ultimate victory of Japanese arms.

Des Moines May Hold Ahline.

CINCINNATI, O.—The National Baseball commission today decided that the sale of Player Ahline by the Keokuk, Ia., club to the Des Moines club was legal. The Cleveland American league club drafted the player from Keokuk, although belonging at that time to Des Moines. The commission held that the Cleveland club can only secure him by draft from Des Moines instead of Keokuk, conditioned that the draft price be as specified for the class of which the Des Moines club is a member.

British Steamer Stopped.

CHEE FOO—The British steamer Chenan, traveling from Taku to Che Foo, not hearing the usual blank shots, was hove to by a Japanese cruiser, which fired two shots across its bow last night. After the steamer's cargo was examined it was allowed to proceed. European and Chinese officials deny the reported arrest of a Chinese, suspected of having knowledge concerning the disappearance of Lieutenant de Guverville and Captain Von Gilgenheim, French and British naval attaches.

HEALTH OF ARMY IMPROVING.

Gratifying Report Made by Surgeon General O'Reilly.

WASHINGTON—In his annual report Surgeon General O'Reilly shows that the general health of the army has improved during the past year. The admission rate per thousand has been 1,451.13, against 1,716.51 in the preceding year. This marks a gradual improvement in the condition of the troops which has been noted since sanitary conditions have been given increased attention, notwithstanding a large proportion of the troops have been in war service in the Philippines since 1898. From an average strength of 19,029 American troops in the Philippines, 1,074 were invalided home, a rate of 56.44 per thousand. There were 271 deaths among the troops in the Philippines, so that the losses by death and invaliding amounted to 70.67 per thousand.

The Filipino soldiers were singularly fortunate in the matter of injuries, having a rate of only 87.29 per thousand but their mortality rate of 3.34 is almost as large as the combined death rates of whites and colored troops for external injuries. The Philippines showed the highest rate of admission for disease and they also led the disease death rate with 18.17 per thousand, compared with 6 per thousand for white and 9.42 for colored. There were 150 cases of Asiatic cholera, with 68 deaths, among the white troops, and 44 cases and 28 deaths among the Filipinos. Beriberi was confined almost entirely to Philippine soldiers. These soldiers again demonstrated their freedom from drunkenness, as only three hospital cases from that cause were recorded.

The surgeon general believes that it is possible to cure leprosy. At any rate decidedly favorable results have followed the treatment of the leper soldier now held in isolation at one of the southern army posts.

TO PROTECT OLD SOLDIERS.

Can't Get Patent to Land Without Residing Upon It.

WASHINGTON—The commissioner of the general land office has issued the following statement intended for the protection of old soldiers contemplating settling on public lands:

"Information has been received at the general land office that designing persons are circulating reports through Indiana and elsewhere to the effect that old soldiers are entitled to enter public lands, particularly in Western Nebraska, and receive patent therefor without residing upon or cultivating the lands, as other persons are required to do. This report is false.

"The only favor given to old soldiers by the homestead laws which is not granted to other persons is that of being permitted to make his first filing through an agent and to have the time of his service deducted from the five years which homestead entrymen are required to reside upon the land."

Reward for Two Heroes.

WASHINGTON—A general order is in preparation at the navy department awarding to Louis Halling and Alexander Peters, boatswain's mates of the first class, each a gold medal and a gratuity of \$100 for their conduct in jumping overboard from the Missouri, Sept. 15, of Martha's Vineyard, in what, because of the prevailing high seas, proved an unsuccessful effort to rescue Ordinary Seaman Cecil Clay Young, who was washed from the fore-castle while getting up the anchor chain, and drowned.

National Treasury Balances.

WASHINGTON—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, is as follows: Available cash balance, \$152,566,116; gold, \$77,777,315.

NEWS IN NEBRASKA

REVENUE LAW IS SUSTAINED.

Supreme Court Reverses Lower Tribunal in Nemaha County.

LINCOLN—The revenue law enacted by the last legislature has again run the supreme court gauntlet and come out unscathed.

The court, in deciding the Nemaha county tax case, held that the section attacked was constitutional and reversed the decision of the lower court and dismissed the case.

Church Howe and others secured an injunction in the Nemaha district court to prevent the county clerk from adding 5 per cent to the valuation of the county property as ordered by the state board of equalization. In bringing the suit the constitutionality of the section which provided that the state board must equalize between the counties by adding or deducting a percentage of the valuation was attacked. The opinion has not yet been written, though the decision was the unanimous verdict of the court.

In the case of Pine against Pine the decision of the lower court was reversed. This was the case wherein the husband, though proving the infidelity of his wife, was refused a divorce because he was a non-resident. The wife filed the first suit for divorce and this was refused here by the lower court.

REPORT OF WARDEN BEEMER.

Tells What is Being Done at the Penitentiary.

LINCOLN—Warden Beemer has filed his monthly report with the state board of public lands and buildings concerning the administration of the penitentiary for the month of September. Sixteen persons were received at the penitentiary in September, fifteen were discharged, two commuted, one escaped, two were transferred to the asylum, and one was paroled, reducing the number of men on hand September 30 from 320, the number on hand August 31, to 315. Of these 165 were employed on full task by the Lee Broom and Duster company, nine on three-quarters task and twenty-one on half task.

Orpheum Vaudeville Bill.

OMAHA, Neb.—For the week commencing Sunday, October 16th, the vaudeville bill at the Orpheum will be varied and includes both New York and European favorites. The headline feature will be Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew. They will present a new comedienne. Fay and Clark will also have a new success in the sketch line. The Three Ramoniers are a recent importation from Europe of the Orpheum Circuit company. Paul Barnes will have an assortment of funny stories. Klein and Clifton are a pair of lively dancers and sweet singers.

Build Big Elevator.

BEATRICE—At a meeting of the Farmers' Elevator company of Blue Springs it was decided to build a new 20,000-bushel capacity elevator. The building will be erected on the east side of the river from Blue Springs and will be operated by gasoline power.

Will Argue Boyd Case.

LINCOLN—The Boyd county land case will be argued in the supreme court October 18. The attorney general is seeking to oust settlers from lands in Boyd county, supposed to belong to the school funds.

Farmer Killed by the Cars.

TILDEN—Mr. Hawkins died here from injuries received two hours before, when a wagon loaded with oats which he was driving was struck by a special train at the depot crossing.

THE STATE AT LARGE.

Two grain elevators are to be erected in Papillion.

In a runaway accident at Beatrice Mrs. John Ossowski was seriously if not fatally injured.

The fruit yield is something enormous in Seward county this year. Peaches are especially plentiful.

More peaches were grown in Cass county this year than for twenty years past. They are of superior quality and flavor and are selling on the streets of Plattsmouth for 40 cents per bushel.

Timothy L. Smith of Lawrence, Kan., a large property owner of Gage county, finished shelling corn on his farm three miles southeast of Ellis last week, from which he received 8,000 bushels.

A. J. Moore of Villisca, Ia., has arrived in Omaha and taken his place as successor of Albert O. Swift, post-office inspector, who was transferred to the Chicago division last week, after many years of service in Nebraska.

A. Jess of South Omaha was arrested at Chadron for selling liquor to the Indians. At first he attempted to resist arrest, but finding officers not to be fooled with, he went to jail and is now there, not being able to give a bond for \$300, for which amount he is bound over.

At Grand Island F. Z. Brandt, Joe Birdsong, and Joseph Bailey were sentenced to one year in the penitentiary, having plead guilty in the district court of burglary and L. McCormick to one year for forgery. All were caught in the several acts and no trial resulted.

Upon the complaint of Fred McInay, a farmer living a few miles west of Crete, Joseph Kulhanek, a neighbor of McInay's, was arrested charged with selling liquor on Sunday. He was brought before Justice Fay, where he unexpectedly pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 and costs, amounting to \$5.75.

Theodore Brush of Cass county, has petitioned the district court for a decree annulling his marriage to Mrs. Edna Brush. The couple were married at Lincoln, November 5, 1900. He alleges that at the time of the marriage he was only 17 years of age and incapable of contracting a valid marriage with the defendant.

A criminal assault was made by a youth named Walter Kingle, aged 15, upon a woman of 55, named Mrs. Dana, near Crawford. The woman teaches school near Crow Butte, and the boy had been carrying mail and doing chores for her for some months. He tied her to the floor and assaulted her. He is being hunted for.

The Burlington shops at Havelock will be enlarged in the spring and the present force will be increased by the addition of 150 men. The machine and boiler shops will be enlarged. At the present time the are overcrowded. At this time 500 men are employed. The proposed increase in the working force will bring several hundred people to town.

News of the death of Hon. C. H. Gere of the State Journal was received in Pawnee county with profound sorrow. Mr. Gere was a resident of that county and a state representative back in the sixties. His father and mother, H. N. Gere and wife, and his brother, J. N. Gere, who was killed by the Indians in 1870, all are buried in Table Rock cemetery.

The infantry drill regulations adopted by the United States army and which went into effect September 10 in the regular army, will be adopted by Commandant Chase at the University of Nebraska, and the style of drill of the university battalion will undergo an almost complete change. Drill at the university has been delayed a considerable time, awaiting the arrival of the new regulations.